# COMPARISON OF NASA SUBSTITUTE TO THE ORIGINAL BILLS Prepared by the Majority Staff of the House Science Committee July 14, 2005

The substitute includes virtually the entire text of the Calvert-Boehlert NASA bill, H.R. 3070, and many provisions, some of them in revised form, from the Democrat bill, H.R. 3250. The primary differences are listed below.

## Major Differences between the Substitute and the Democrat Bill

#### Unlike the Democrat bill, the Substitute:

- Drops language that prevents Shuttle retirement until the Crew Exploration Vehicle is in operation.
- Endorses the goal of returning Americans to the Moon by 2020.
- Drops the requirement that the International Space Station include a centrifuge.
- Drops mandatory research topics for aeronautics and instead lists options for aeronautics research.
- Drops authorization for Fiscal Year (FY) 08.
- Does not breakdown authorization levels in detail.

# Major Differences between the Substitute and H.R. 3070

## Unlike H.R. 3070, the Substitute:

- Drops language mandating Shuttle retirement in 2010, leaving the bill silent on the issue.
- Gives more direction, but no specific funding level for International Space Station research.
- Includes more funding detail for FY 06 and authorizes funding for FY 07.
- Endorses the human repair mission to the Hubble Space Telescope.
- Includes language making it more difficult for NASA to transfer money among accounts.